IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method in a data processing system for authenticating a request, the method comprising:

receiving, by a first security server, a request from a client;

performing authentication of the request by the first security server;

adding, by the first security server, information to the request to form a modified request, wherein the information indicates that the request is from a trusted source; [[and]]

sending, by the first security server, the modified request to a web application server;

presenting the modified request to each of a plurality of components of the web application server, wherein each of the plurality of components correspond with a respective one of a plurality of security servers; and

validating, by a one of the plurality of components that corresponds with the first security server, the modified request.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the request is a request to access data.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the [[data processing system]] first security server is a reverse proxy server.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information includes a user identification.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the information includes an identification of the [[data processing system]]first security server.

6-9.   (Cancelled)

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[6]]4, wherein the [[information]] user identification is a user name and password.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[6]]1, wherein the [[selected]] step of validating further comprises determining that a value of the information is [[a presence of a]] an expected value located in a data structure[[within a preselected location in the request]].

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[6]]1, wherein each of the plurality of components is implemented as a respective interceptor[[determining step is executed using a set of interceptors]].

13-17. (Cancelled)

18.   (Currently Amended) A data processing system comprising:
        a bus system;
        a communications unit connected to the bus system;
        a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a plurality of components as a set of instructions; and
        a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit, responsive to receiving a modified request from a first security server of a plurality of security servers, executes the set of instructions [[to receive a request from a server, wherein the request is originated by a client;]] and presents the request to each of a plurality of components of the data processing system, wherein each of the plurality of components corresponds with a respective one of the plurality of security servers, and wherein the processing unit, responsive to execution of a one of the plurality of components that corresponds with the first security server, determines [[determine]] whether an expected value of [[selected]] information added to the modified request by the first security server is [[represent]]present in the request[[;]] and [[process]]processes the request[[,]] in response to the [[selected information]]expected value being present in the request.

19. (Currently Amended) A network data processing system comprising:

a network;

a plurality of clients connected to the network;

a first security server connected to the network, wherein the first security server receives a request from a client to access a resource, performs an authentication process with the client, [[add]]adds information to the request in which the information indicates that the request is from a trusted source to form a modified request, and sends the modified request for processing; and

a second server connected to the network, wherein the second server receives the modified request from [[a]]the first security server, presents the modified request to a plurality of components each respectively corresponding to a one of a plurality of security servers, determines whether the first server is a trusted server based on [[the information]] a determination made by a first component of the plurality of components that corresponds with the first security server, and provides access to the resource in response to a determination that the first server is a trusted server.

20. (Currently Amended) The network data processing system of claim 19 further comprising a [[third]]second security server connected to the network, wherein the [[third]]second security server receives requests from clients to access [[a]]the resource, performs an authentication process with the clients, [[add]]adds information to the requests in which the information indicates that the requests are from a trusted source to form modified requests, and sends the modified requests to the second server for processing, wherein the second server presents the modified requests of the [[third]] second security server to each of the plurality of components and determines whether the second security sever is a trusted server based on a determination made by a second component that corresponds with the second security server, wherein the first component and the second component provide different security restrictions.

21. (Original) The network data processing system of claim 19, wherein the network is at least one of a local area network, an intranet, an extranet and an Internet.

22.   (Currently Amended) The network data processing system of claim 19, wherein the [[second server includes]] plurality of components comprise a set of interceptors in which the set of interceptors are used to determine whether the first security server is a trusted server, wherein the request is sent to each of the set of interceptors to determine whether the interceptors can handle the request.

23.   (Original) The network data processing system of claim 19, wherein the second server receives the request directly from the client.

24-28. (Cancelled)

29.   (Currently Amended) A data processing system for processing a request, the data processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving a modified request from a first security server of a plurality of security servers, wherein the modified request is generated from a request originated by a client and the modified request includes information added by the first security server;

a plurality of determining means each for determining whether the [[selected]] information [[is represent]]present in the request has an expected value, wherein each of the plurality of determining means corresponds to one of the plurality of security servers; and

processing means for processing the request in response to a one of the plurality of determining means determining the [[selected]] information has the expected value[[being present in the request]].

30.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 29, [[wherein the determining means is a first determining means and wherein the request is originated by a user at the client and]] wherein the modified request requests access to a resource, the data processing system [[and wherein the processing step comprises]]further comprising:

second determining means for determining whether [[the]]a user of the client is authorized to access [[to]] the resource; and

accessing means for accessing the resource using the modified request in response to a determination that the user is authorized.

31.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 29, wherein the first security server is a reverse proxy server.

32.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 29, wherein the information is an identification of the first security server.

33.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 29, wherein the information is a user name and password of a user of the client.

34.   (Cancelled)

35.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 29, wherein the plurality of determining means includes a set of interceptors that can provide different security restrictions to a resource.

36.   (Cancelled)

37.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for processing a request, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving a modified request from a first security server, wherein the modified request is generated by the first security server by modifying information in a request originated by a client;

second instructions for determining one of a plurality of interceptors that can process the request;

[[second]]third instructions for determining whether [[selected]] a value of the information [[is represent]]present in the request is an expected value; and

[[third]]fourth instructions, responsive to the [[selected]] value of the information being [[present in the request]] the expected value, for processing the request.